

Halton's History

High School board reveals expansion plans

30 Years Ago

A meeting of the Georgetown and District High School board last Monday night revealed that Georgetown's high school will have to start expansion plans immediately. This is because enrollment could be as high as 740 students within three years, making already available space too small. Principal J.L. Lambert stated that a cafeteria would be a good idea as well, as students have no place to eat when bad weather strikes, as they now eat outdoors.

The Delrex Market Centre will be celebrating its first anniversary this weekend. In recognition of this, the "Planters Peanut Man" will be coming to the Centre on Friday afternoon to hand out peanuts to passersby. There will also be a big Peanut Float, managed by six men, which will arrive in town around noon and stay till nine o'clock at night.

A petition on behalf of the Delrex Ratepayers Association was given to Council at its last meeting. Eric Beard, who presented the petition, was fighting for polling booths to stay open till 9 p.m. Many residents were concerned that since they worked in Toronto, they would have problems reaching the polling stations by 7 p.m. when they normally shut down.

Councillor J. Gun made the suggestion that one booth stay open late for all those who can't make it to vote by 7 p.m. Those late could all vote at this one station instead.

20 Years Ago

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is seeking \$2,097,000 for a 36-bed hospital ad-

dition. At Monday night's council meeting, the hospital board asked the town and township councils for a total of \$450,000 to contribute to the fund. The rest would come from the province and Halton county. The proposal will be studied by the council.

The old Beaver Lumber showroom is going to be converted to a television studio, according to Derrick Harvey, program director for the new facilities. Harvey said he hopes, once the studio is created, to air a couple of hours of a local programming a day, ranging from sports to children's stories.

The Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department is looking for help. Chief Jack Cunningham finds himself with a dual problem. The older men are retiring and over half his workers live out of town. In case of a large fire, the turn-out is sometimes quite reduced. The most crucial times are between 8 and 9 in the morning and 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

10 Years Ago

Halton regional councillors have decided to postpone their search for a new chief administrative officer. Ernie Reid, who had been the region's CAO, had vacated the position three weeks ago. The postponement will be only until a consultant's

management study of the region's administration is conducted, planned for later this fall. Reid had left the position because of the region's enormous deficit, now totalling over \$600,000.

Halton MP Otta Jelinek visited the States this week to discuss sagging auto sales in both counties with federal government as well as corporate and labor officials. He will also be travelling from Washington D.C. where these meetings are to take place to Detroit to meet with representatives of General Motors and the United Auto Workers directors.

Halton Hills will be getting a 50-bed nursing home, hopefully by 1982. Hospital board chairman Paul Armstrong believes that although it is better than nothing, 50 beds are not enough. The board will be considering funding possibilities at future board meetings as the hospital has no capital to finance such a project.

5 Years Ago

Mike Armstrong, regional councillor for nine years and a town councillor for 13 years, had decided to run against Mayor

Russ Miller for the Mayor's seat. Mr. Armstrong said that he recognizes three distinct communities in Halton Hills: Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown and wants to work on solving problems in all three. Mr. Armstrong has three daughters and one grandchild. His twin brother Paul, 46, will be his campaign manager.


Halton's five year forecast for shipping garbage fees is quite higher than generally expected. The cost per tonne will be increased to \$28.81 in 1987, an 8.7 increase over the year before.

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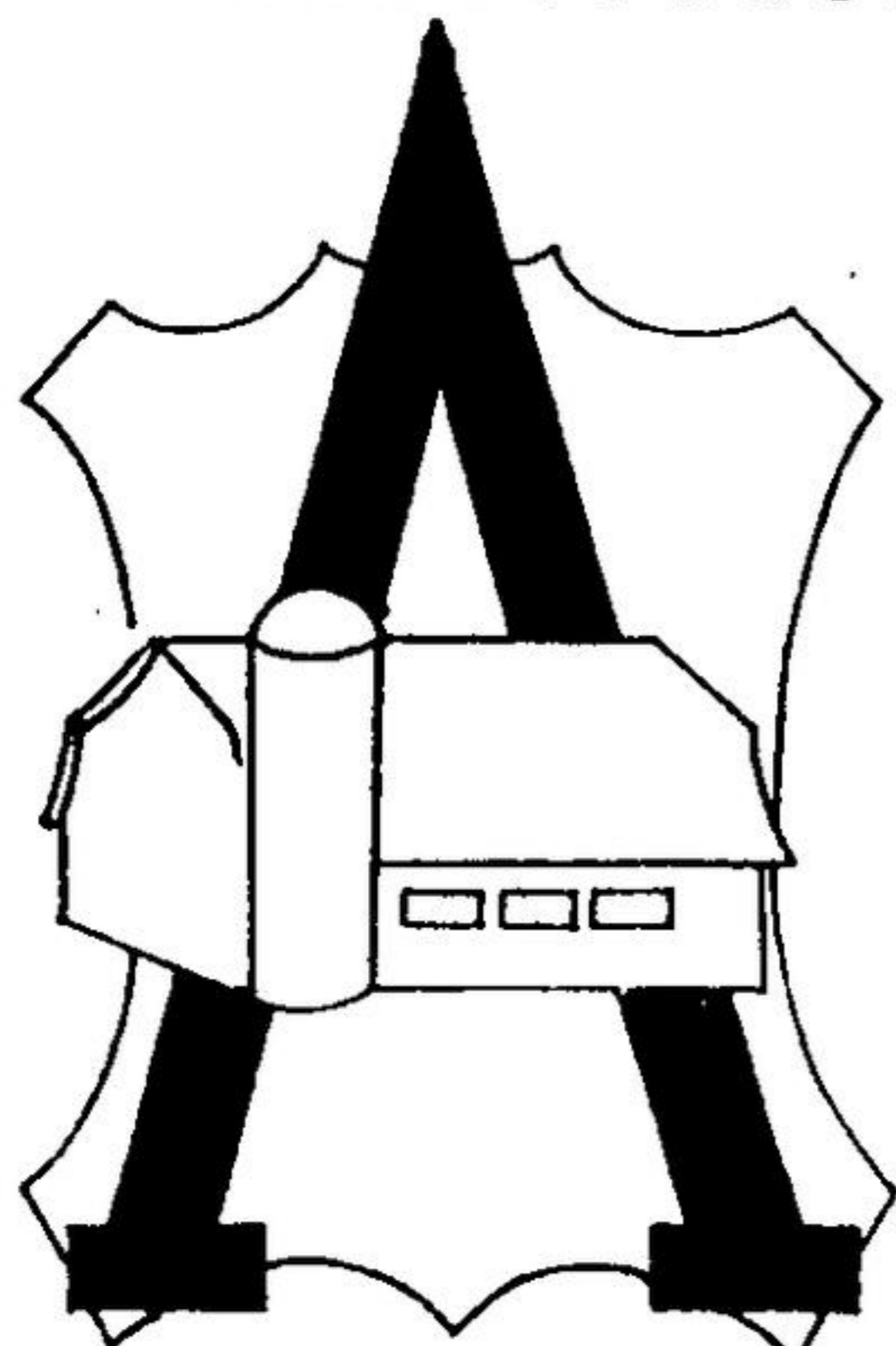
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